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Attention: Senate Judiciary Committee
Re: HB 456

Please oppose HB 456. Sex education is very important and needs to stay in schools. Reproductive health educators have the most up to date and accurate information about preventative and reproductive health that most faculty in middle and high schools don't know. These sex educators provide age appropriate information and provide resources for students to seek out help or get their questions answered. Denying teens of this education won't solve any problems, instead it will just leave these kids in the dark and completely unaware. Even if schools preach abstinence, teenagers still engage in sexual activities. It's important that they know the risks, know how to prevent STD's and pregnancies, know where to go for treatment of STD's and know their options for pregnancies. The more education we give our kids, the less issues that will arise.

Sincerely,

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